



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 16**

**Meeting Date:** November 16, 2006  
**Meeting Location:** Haub Steak House, Haubstadt, Indiana

**Council Members Present:** Regional Manager Virginia Combs  
Larry Marchino  
Susan Blackburn  
Steve Cunningham  
David Straw  
Julie Weeks  
Judge David Kelly  
Judge Timothy Crowley  
Chris Hoehn

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Brett Niemeier  
Juanita Working

**Others In Attendance:** Lark Buckman  
Judith Harper  
Dr. John Ireland (Ireland & Luzio)  
Cynthia Smith (Youth Service Bureau)  
Jara Dillingham (Villages)  
Kelley Cruse (Wernle)

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order at:** Approximately 5:15 p.m. (6:15 p.m. Indianapolis time) by Regional Manager Virginia Combs.

1. Mrs. Combs asked everyone to introduce themselves. The agenda for today's meeting and the minutes of the October 26th meeting had been mailed to all Council members prior to the meeting. On a motion by Steve Cunningham, seconded by Judge Timothy Crowley, the minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.
2. Dr. John Ireland distributed a handout that summarizes two programs that Ireland In Home Services provides due to some confusion about the programs: Intensive

Home Based Services and the Community Partners for Child Safety programs. The summary explains the purpose of the programs and how and when to use the services. He also handed out a form entitled “Request for Funds” which is used to request funding for hard services within their agency.

Dr. Ireland stated that Community Partners is a voluntary program. He mentioned that they do not have the ability to report back to Court about the family’s participation or lack of it.

Dr. Ireland passed out a booklet entitled “SMART Parenting – Guide to Everyday & Emergency Situations” and asked for feedback on it. They use this booklet when working with families.

3. Gini Combs distributed the new Region 16 Service Plan and stated that the 2007 chart showing Region 16 Prevention Services Proposals has been revised. She also gave out a 2006 Outcomes Measurement sheet for Warrick County’s Boss of My Body program which should be added to the copy of that proposal.
4. Gini said that she was very pleased with the array of services that the Directors have requested for 2007. She then asked the Directors to distribute their cover sheets showing their proposals and recommended dollar amounts for each so that the Council members could ask questions before voting on each county’s requests.

Posey County – Susan Blackburn stated that her proposals do not use all of their allotted funds, but she expects to have other proposals by January, 2007. The reason for un-obligated funds is due to the fact that Posey County lost their wraparound services. Judge David Kelley made a motion to approve these proposals and Judge Timothy Crowley seconded that motion. All Regional Service Council voting members approved.

Gibson County – Susan Blackburn pointed out that there is \$5,000 un-obligated that will be used for a foster-parent recognition event, homemaker supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses. Larry Marchino made a motion to approve these proposals and Steve Cunningham seconded that motion. All Regional Service Council voting members approved.

Warrick County – Judy Harper stated that she is requesting funds greater than their county’s allotted amount with the hope that Region 16 will receive the extra funding that is being requested from Central Office. Susan Blackburn made a motion to approve these proposals and Chris Hoehn seconded that motion. All Regional Service Council voting members approved.

Knox County – Larry Marchino stated that the Wraparound Services and Parent Education Classes are new proposals for 2007. If approved, the additional funding will allow these two programs to be funded without reducing the other programs. Judge David Kelley made a motion to approve these proposals and Judge Timothy Crowley seconded that motion. All Regional Service Council voting members approved.

Pike County – Steve Cunningham stated that the Tutoring Program is a new one for Pike County that he would like to see funded contingent upon Central Office approving the additional funding for Region 16. Chris Hoehn made a motion to approve these proposals and Judge Timothy Crowley seconded that motion. All Regional Service Council voting members approved.

Vanderburgh County – Lark Buckman noted that the amount requested exceeds the current allotment, but hopes the additional funding for Region 16 is approved by Central Office. Included in the miscellaneous costs are funds for foster parents to attend the state foster care conference along with other foster parent appreciation events. Steve Cunningham made a motion to approve these proposals and Chris Hoehn seconded that motion. All Regional Service Council voting members approved.

5. Dr. Ireland prepared a revised proposal asking for additional funding for the Community Partners Program for the region which included funds for hard services which were not included in the previous proposal. Dr. Ireland stated that the data base program for the State will be up and running in January 2007. Also, he told us that as a pilot program numerous information and referral forms have been developed, and they have been translated into Spanish by his agency. This request for additional funding as a Region for 2007 is in the amount of \$164,000 for the Community Partners Program and \$1,200 for hard services. Judge David Kelley made a motion to approve this proposal and Susan Blackburn seconded that motion. All Regional Service Council voting members approved.
6. The IV-B funding proposal from Lincoln Hills Development for providing adoption services for Posey County was voted on. Larry Marchino made the motion to approve this request and it was seconded by Judge David Kelley. The members approved the funding unanimously.
7. Mrs. Combs distributed a request from The Villages for funding for child adoption services to be expanded to the counties of Posey, Gibson, Pike and Knox. These services are already provided for Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. Steve Cunningham made a motion to accept the proposal and Susan Blackburn seconded the motion. All members approved the service request.

8. All voting members of the Region 16 Regional Service Council who were present signed the approval sheet for the 2007 Region 16 Strategic Action Plan.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** January 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Haub Steak House, Haubstadt, Indiana. Mrs. Combs noted that hopefully by that meeting the Directors will have been able to meet to develop recommendations regarding setting up a Community Partners Advisory Board.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** Approximately 6:45 p.m. (7:45 p.m. Indianapolis time).